

Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey

Accomack

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0081

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): WFF # H-026 - Family Housing {Current}
Property Date: 1949
Address(s): Cartlidge Drive {}
County/Independent City: Accomack
Vicinity of: Chincoteague
State, Zip: Virginia 23337
USGS Quad Name: CHINCOTEAGUE WEST
Surrounding area: Rural

National Register Eligibility Status

Property is Historic (50 years or older)

Resource Description

Ownership Status: Public - Federal
Acreage: 0.5

Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:

<u>Component</u>	<u>Comp Type/Form</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Material Treatment</u>
Chimneys	Chimneys - None		
Foundation	Foundation - Slab	Concrete	Foundation - Poured
Porch	Porch - 1-story, 2-bay	Metal	Porch - Screened
Roof	Roof - Gable	Asphalt	Roof - Asphalt Shingle
Structural System	Structural System - Frame	Wood	Structural System - Aluminum Siding
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Vinyl	Windows - Original Replaced

Site Description: The structure is located within wooded terrain on the western edge of the base.

WUZIT Count:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	Military Residential	Historic

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: Military Residential

Est. Date of Construction: 1949 {Owner/written data} Accessed? No Not accessible

Primary Resource? Yes Number of Stories: 1.0

Architectural Style: Other Condition: Poor

Interior Plan Type: Other Threats to Resource: Demolition

Description: This wood frame ranch-style house is placed atop a concrete block foundation and has a gable roof covered with asphalt shingles; louvered vents are placed beneath the gable peaks. The entire structure is clad with aluminum siding. The east (front) elevation is four bays wide. The fourth, southern bay is not as tall as the other three. The first, second, and fourth bay each contain a one-over-one double hung vinyl replacement sash window. The third bay contains a six-panel metal door. The west elevation is also four bays wide; centrally located within the elevation is a single-story frame ell, clad with aluminum siding, which probably serves as a kitchen or bathroom area. (This cannot be verified because interior access was not possible, as the building was secured.) This ell is capped by a shallow shed roof. A set of paired one-over-one double hung windows flank the ell on either side with larger windows located in the outer bays. A simple, hipped-roof screen porch extends from a portion of the north elevation. The elevation contains a centrally placed door flanked on either side by windows. The south elevation contains two symmetrically-placed windows.

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Historic Context(s): Military/Defense

Historic Time Period(s):..... S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)

Significance Statement: This one-story house, built in 1949, is one of 26 individual units constructed as married officers' quarters by the U.S. Navy at this location during the mid- to late-1940s as part of the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS). The building is an example of one of the three housing types built at the location. It was identified as "H-26" on the 1950 "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" prepared by the U.S. Navy. It was designated as "M.O.Q. (5 Units)" on the 1953 "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. It was again identified as "H-26" on the 1957 "General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. While originally serving as housing for CNAAS, the building had until recently served as housing leased by the Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) to the U.S. Coast Guard and was designated Unit 5-C. The structure sits in a level, grassy area and fronts onto Cartlidge Drive, between two similar housing units (001-0027-0080, WFF # H-025 to the north and 001-0027-0082, WFF # H-027 to the south) on the west side of Cartlidge Drive, in the western section of the WFF main base.

The building is representative of a housing type associated with a military facility that gained importance in the New Dominion (1945-present) period. The building was one of several structures constructed as part of the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS) in the years following the end of World War II. Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily-research based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station. Although not currently in use, the building has essentially retained its original use throughout its history on the base.

This Family Housing unit has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C or D.

As an individual resource, it is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D as it is not associated with a significant event or individual at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have any archaeological potential.

The resource has lost its integrity due to alterations to the resource and its setting. The resource's integrity of design, materials and workmanship has been adversely affected by replacement of the structure's doors and windows and the introduction of aluminum siding. Although remaining in its historic location, the structure's integrity of setting, feeling and association has been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004 the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the structure's historic context.

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Bibliographic Documentation

Reference #: 1

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia."
1950.

Reference #: 2

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: Giffles and Valet

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary
Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

Reference #: 3

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test
Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

Ownership Information

Graphic Media Documentation

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Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

CRM Event # 1,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2003/08/08

Organization or Person: URS Group

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CRM Event Notes or Comments: 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700
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CRM Event # 2,

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